

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-34 were pending. The Office Action required an election of species. The species of Fig. 4A is elected.

Herein, independent claims 1, 9, 17, 23, and 29 are amended to clarify the claims, and not because of the Office Action.

It is submitted that independent claims 1, 9, 17, 23 and 29 are generic to the two species identified by the Examiner. In other words, independent claims 1, 9, 17, 23, and 29 read on both the unelected embodiment of Fig. 2A and the elected embodiment of Fig. 4A. If the Examiner does not agree that these claims are generic, it is requested that the Examiner call the undersigned at (408) 451-5906 so that these claims can be further discussed.

Claims 3, 15, 20, 26, and 34 specifically read on the elected embodiment of Fig. 4A.

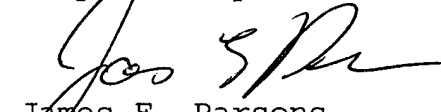
Claims 2, 13, 18, 25, and 32 specifically read on the unelected embodiment of Fig. 2A, and are withdrawn, but not cancelled.

The remaining original dependent claims are generic to the unelected embodiment of Fig. 2A and the elected embodiment of Fig. 4A.

New dependent claims 35-52 are added. These claims are supported by the elected embodiment of Fig. 4A, and do not constitute new matter.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5906 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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